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ELECTION 2016

Trump on top in local vote

Agawam sides with nation, not state, in presidential race

By Michael J. Ballway mballway@turley.com

Donald Trump's 7,421 voters in Agawam may not have gained him any electoral votes, but they were part of the winning team in this week's presidential election.

Their votes on Tuesday — or during the early voting period over the previous two weeks added to the New York Republican's popular vote victory over Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who con-

Humason re-elected to State Senate, page 3 Boldyga sweeps Sandlin for State rep., page 5

ceded the electoral vote in the early hours of Wednesday morn-

Clinton won Massachusetts with 1.89 million votes to Trump's

1.04 million, but finished second in Agawam with only 6,208 votes.

Not only did Trump win the town as a whole, but he also won each of Agawam's eight precincts. His best showing, by percentage, was in Precinct 7, where he captured 53.6 percent of the votes at Agawam Junior High School. His worst showing was 47.6 percent of the vote in Precinct 4, at Doering School. Clinton's best result was 46 percent in Precinct 4; her

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Precinct 5 election warden Dale Melanson opens absentee ballot envelopes Tuesday at Phelps School, preparing them to be fed into the voting machine. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



COMPLETE STREETS

Anyone can add to map of town's transit wants

By Michael J. Ballway

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Town Engineer Michelle Chase is already excited about Agawam's priorities for street, sidewalk and transportation projects.

She's just waiting for you to tell her what those priorities are.

The town has generated dozens of requests for "Complete Streets" roadwork - mostly sidewalk installation and repair, but also including new traffic signals, better crosswalks, even a circulator bus route in town - on a "wiki-map" online for the past couple weeks. The suggestions will help the town decide two or three projects to fund with a potential \$400,000 state grant, as well as how to spend the annual roadwork and sidewalk budget.

"I'm really excited about the input," Chase said this week. "We want this money we get from the state to go to the project or projects the people in town want."

In addition to soliciting suggestions on the online map - at wikimapping.com/wikimap/Agawam.html - Chase will also hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. She encouraged anyone interested in infrastructure in Agawam, even those who have already contributed to the map, to participate in person.

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OFFICIALS' SALARIES

Raises proposed for mayor, elected boards

School Committee member asks town for 'more equitable' compensation

By Mike Lydick

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As Agawam voters chose their state and federal elected officials this week, Anthony Bonavita was trying to give municipal officeholders a boost.

Bonavita, a term School Committee member and former city councilor, is recommending raises amounting to \$44,000 for the town's 17 elected municipal officers. He would like to see the mayor's salary increased to \$95,000 from \$85,000, hiking the 11 city councilors' stipends to \$12,000 from \$10,000, and raising the six School Committee members to \$7,000 from \$5,000. The last time salaries were increased

"It may not at first be a major issue with Richard Cohen people, but I think it

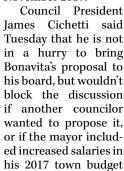
should be," he said. "It requires a lot of hours — and I know what the hours are, having served on the City Council and the School Committee."

Bonavita pitched his salary proposal at the School Committee's Oct. 25 meeting. He ex-

plained that during the past decade, the issues elected officials regularly deal with - particularly budgets - have become much more complex, requiring more time and effort.

Bonavita doesn't plan to make

a formal recommendation to the City Council, which must approve any increase in compensation, but he plans to keep talking about the issue. If the council were to act on his proposed increases, they would not take effect until after the next municipal election, in November 2017.





Mayor Richard Cohen said he understands Bonavita's concerns, but said he would need to "seriously review the impact" on the budget and taxpayers.

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Church hosts Evening of Reconciliation

The Hampden West Deanery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, which includes St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam and Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, will hold an Evening of Reconciliation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Sacred Heart. The parish will be open for confessions as part of the observances for the Year of Mercy.

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Humason reaches out to opponents after re-election

By Peter Spotts aan@turley.com

WESTFIELD — East Mountain Country Club exploded with relief and excitement shortly before 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 8 when Don Humason took the concession call from J.D. Parker-O'Grady.

Humason, the Republican state senator for Agawam and 10 other cities and towns, won his third election bid in four years, defeating a first-time Democratic challenger by an approximate total of 42,200 to 29,000 votes. The senator said he is looking forward to the opportunity to win over the people in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District that may have not voted for him this time around.

"It is always a little nerve-wracking until the final returns are in and the votes are cast; you don't know what to do," Humason said. "I have been hopeful throughout, I have had great supporters, a great staff, really good volunteers, and get back to the job. I would like to encourage the folks who [did not vote for me] to stay involved, to try and get to know me, to give me a chance to prove myself to them and earn their vote two years from now to be their senator, as well. I spend a lot of time working with all the cities and towns in my district. My goal is just to serve my constituents in the best way I can. I try to do my job so that I am not just representing the cities of Westfield, Holyoke, Agawam, Easthampton and Chicopee, but I also spend time in Tolland, Granville, Russell, Montgomery and Southwick, because I do not want them feeling left out and their needs are as legitimate as any others."

When he returns to Beacon Hill in January, Humason said the first issue he is looking to tackle will be to finding ways to turn around the state economy.

"I think it has got to be the economy,"



State Sen. Donald Humason speaks to supporters during his election night rally at East Mountain Country Club. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY

he said. "That is an issue we continue to deal with every session. This year the numbers aren't as high as we estimated, so that shows us there is still a problem with our economy and we are spending more than we take in, and we cannot sustain that. We have to find ways to spur our economy in Massachusetts so that every person who wants to work has a job and every company that wants to expand here has that opportunity and so smaller regions of our state, like the hilltowns, are also fertile places for small businesses to start."

More than 60 people turned out to the country club to meet and congratulate Humason. Among the crowd was Ray Frappier, who said he supported the Westfield Republican because "he is a middle of the



State Sen. Donald Humason chats with friends and campaign volunteers on election night.

road guy. He has the same beliefs I do, like the 2nd Amendment and common sense legislation."

Southampton resident Tom Whiteley added that he supports Humason because "gun control is a big thing for us. The Easthampton Gun Club, Don's been there supporting us. Every time I talk to him I get an answer."

Both Humason and Parker-O'Grady credited each other with running clean campaigns, and congratulated each other for working hard. The Easthampton Democrat, a law student and former legislative aide to Humason's predecessor, Sen. Michael Knapik, was gracious in defeat, saying it has been a learning experience for

"The first time running for a seat like

this is a bumpy experience, but I am really proud of my campaign," Parker-O'Grady said. "I learned I have an amazing support network of friends and family who are willing to stand out for hours at the polls and help me raise the money you need to run this sort of campaign, and that has just been overwhelming, the amount of love and support I have got throughout this campaign."

Humason supporters gave him the edge in Agawam, Chicopee, Southampton, Southwick, Westfield and the hilltowns, providing enough support to overcome Parker-O'Grady victories in Holyoke and Easthampton. Humason thanked all his supporters, his family, and acknowledged each member of his staff during his victory speech.

Ziegert fundraiser at '86 reunion this month

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. — The Agawam High School Class of 1986 will celebrate its 30th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 26.

The reunion will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Windsor Locks, Conn., and begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. The deadline to order tickets is Nov. 19. To order tickets, send a check payable to AHS Class of 1986 to AHS Class of 1986 c/o Cari Rocco, P.O. Box 5, Agawam, MA 01001-0005.

This coming year also marks the 25th anniversary of the passing of 1986 graduate Lisa Ziegert. The reunion committee and her friends from the AHS community will be making donations on her behalf to the Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund. Gifts made to this fund will be allocated to meet the needs of the jazz and marching bands at AHS, two organizations that had a positive impact on Ziegert.

In recognition of Ziegert, classmates may make donations at the reunion. Those who are unable to attend the reunion but would still like to donate may forward their donation to Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund, 58 Spruce Circle, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please include "From the Class of 1986" on the memo line.

Christmas fair to benefit church missions

Bethany Assembly of God will hold a Christmas Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will include handcrafted jewelry, seasonal décor, unique and affordable gifts, vendors, a bake sale and a tag sale. Proceeds from the fair will benefit the church's mission.

The church is at 580 Main St., Agawam. For more information, visit www.bethany-ag.org.

Holiday fair Wednesday to aid Washington trip

Agawam Junior High School will host its annual Holiday Crafts and Vendor Night from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Proceeds from the event will help support the school's Washington D.C. Club trip.

Vendors at the event will include 31 Gifts, Grampy's Woodworking, Wooden Wonders by Amy, Crafties by Trudi, Lu-LaRoe and Tastefully Simple. Also available for purchase will be doll clothes, handcrafted Christmas gifts, jewelry and more.

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The Trump presidency got off to an encouraging start in the small hours of Wednesday morning. After announcing that she wouldn't make any comment for the rest of the night, with a handful of states still too close to call, Hillary Clinton reversed herself and called Trump to concede the election soon after Pennsylvania officially turned red.

Then, more importantly, the president-elect himself took the stage for a speech that went out of its way to acknowledge his opponent's hard work on the campaign and thank her for her previous service as first lady, senator and secretary of state. It was a Trump speech, all right, with his signature cadence and tone. But it lacked the rancor and name-calling that got him called a bully, or worse, repeatedly in the past year and a half. He sounded like a statesman, not a demagogue. He sounded like a president.

And the crowd — despite all that's been written about the volatility and tribalism of Trump rallies had nothing but cheers. Television cameras, at least, picked up no boos when the Democrat's name was mentioned, nor chants of "lock her up!"

This isn't the dangerous Trump that slightly less than half the country feared, and perhaps it isn't the mad-as-heck Trump that slightly more than half the country thought it was supporting. But it is the President Trump we all need.

Local example

The stakes don't compare, and neither did the rhetoric, but Democrats and Republicans on the national stage would do themselves a favor by looking at our state Senate race, where longtime local politician Donald Humason showed grace in victory, and newcomer J.D. Parker-O'Grady showed maturity in defeat, on Tuesday.

In their public campaigns, Humason never belittled his opponent, a law student running his first bid for elected office; and Parker-O'Grady chose not to score cheap political points on Humason when it was revealed that Republican state officials had put pressure on Parker-O'Grady's fiancee, a state employee, in an effort to make him withdraw. Humason gave his word that he wasn't involved in the unethical behavior, and Parker-O'Grady chose to trust him and focus on the issues. Their debate on WGBY was that rarest of televised political discussions — a conversation, not a battle.

On Tuesday night, the rivals complimented each other on running a clean campaign.

We can only hope that in 2020, their national counterparts can do the same.

What do you think? Share your thoughts about the election in a letter to the editor at aan@turley.com.

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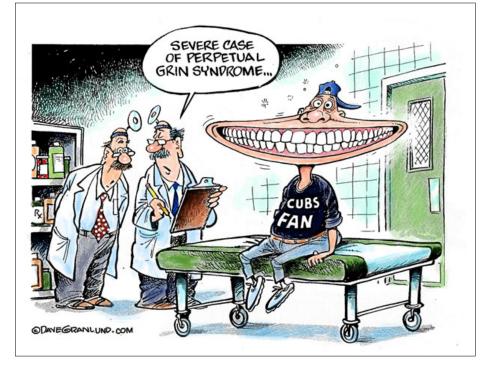
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JAY SPEAKS

My time with the Ninja Turtles

Jay Berger

n a recent weekend there was a their field operation. Once the book was small segment of a show dedicated to the development of the Ninja

Turtle phenomenon. Then on a Monday we received an invitation to the Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle to take part in a Ninja Turtle celebration.

As unlikely as it may seem for a 90-year-old writer, I have a history with the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle empire.

After retiring in the late 1980s, I developed a consultant business working with small publishers trying to grow and become regional and even na-

tional publishers. I had a modest amount of success, primarily due to the fact that I still retained many good contacts with the major publishing houses in New York City.

One day I received a call from a Mirage Publishing in Northampton. Threy were not forthcoming in what they were looking for. We set up a time and date and I drove up. I was warmly received and as I looked around, on the wall were Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael and Leonardo. It was obvious that I was at the home of the Ninja Turtles and my host was Kevin Eastman, a co-developer.

They were looking to convert some of their comic books into an actual book form, and thought I could help find a publisher and navigate the wholesale market-

I was honored to think that I could help in making this effort work. When I was asked how much money would I need, I gave an outrageous figure, thinking I could negotiate it down a bit, but they thought it was reasonable (guess I should have asked

I was so surprised at the excitement when I began calling in New York. The Ninja Turtles want to do a book! "When can we meet them? We are highly motivated! Call right back." The first four publishers that I called wanted to do their book. I thought that would be enough for one day and if that didn't pan out, I could try for four

A week or so later, I looked out my front window and there was a long limo parked in front of our home. I gathered all my material together and entered the limo. I gave the driver our schedule and addresses. He said, "I know all these addresses. We will be right on schedule."

At the first publisher's address, there was a big delegation out front awaiting our arruival. It resembled a red carpet reception, but that would come later. We went into the building to a giant conference room and began talking.

After about 90 minutes, we went on to our second appointment. Again, there was a major delegation waiting at the curb. We shook hands all around and were led to the president's dining room. We went through the same drill as we did in the prior meeting. The difference here was the extent of distributed they had an enormous cadre of people in all areas of the country to make certain that the final version of

> the book was well displayed. When we finished, Kevin went over to the chairman and said, "I don't have to look any

> further. Simon and Schuster is where I want our book published. We will have our legal people work with your people. Speak with my people and we will stay in touch."

> Nowadays, with the rise of Amazon and the big discounters like Costco and Sam's, the pub-

lishers only have to make a few calls to arrive at a print order. At the time of my work with the Turtles, it was a bit more arduous. Simon and Schuster would take care of the big bookstore chains as well as the large hardcover book wholesalers. I would cover the paperback book wholesalers.

The plan was to visit New York City, Baltimore-Washington, Atlanta and Miami on the East Coast. Then Cleveland, Chicago (center and North Shore), Detroit in Midwest states. Then Dallas, Houston, Denver in the Mountain states. Finally, San Diego, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle on the West Coast.

I did all that in a few weeks and assembled an order of 150,000 copies. If we extended that to all wholesalers, it would rise to 225,000. Then Simon and Schuster would add their numbers and the print order would be 400,000 to 450,000. If they sold as fast as we hoped, the printer could reorder quickly.

In the meantime, the Ninja Turle movie was about to be relased and the kickoff would be in Northampton at the Academy of Music. Kevin invited me to be in the first group to get out of the limo and walk the red carpet with all the flash cameras snap-

It was quite a night to remember. When this event was over, Kevin had another assignment for me. He thought he might want to get into the children's music business. He had purchased a small music pubisher in Maine. He wanted me to go to Los Angeles and see the people at Capitol Music as well as BMG Music.

I did a lot of searching at the two companies and my recommendation Kevin was that the music business depended on a lot of personalities and if he didn't have someone on staff who could handle that, it might not work. I worked on that a little more and then had to get back to my other

It was quite a ride and if I had not been reminded of it recently, probably would be in ther dustbin of history. Long live the Tur-

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Rep. Boldyga sweeps all precincts in rematch defeat of Sandlin

By Gregory A. Scibelli

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, has overcome a challenge for a third time and won a fourth consecutive term to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Former state Rep. Rosemary Sandlin, a Democrat from the district's largest town, failed to gain a majority vote in any precinct in the 3rd Hampden District, which consists of Agawam, Southwick, and Granville. Boldyga had defeated Sandlin in a close three-way race in 2010 to win his first term on Beacon Hill.

Boldyga celebrated with his family, friends, and supporters on Tuesday evening at the Main Street Deli, which is near his district office in

Boldyga said he has never taken a challenger lightly, and did not take the challenge of Sandlin lightly, especially with her experience as a former state representative.

Speaking of himself and his supporters, Boldyga said, "We worked very hard getting a positive message out to the people of the district. We have seen in the races out there this season that negative campaigning is not a good thing and we made sure to run a positive campaign."

Boldyga said his campaign worked to attend many events and interact with as many people as possible during the election season. "We were also very active on Facebook and Twitter and I have tried to make myself accessible to the people in the district," said Boldyga. "I have district offices in Agawam and Southwick now."

With a huge voter turnout due to the presidential election, Boldyga dominated the tally, 12,126 to 8,074, in unofficial results from late Tuesday evening. He declared victory with his



State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and his wife, Jess, react to the news that he had won re-election on Tuesday night. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

supporters just after 8:30 p.m., when several of his supporters stationed at various precincts in Southwick and Agawam reported that he was leading by 3,600 votes. He said winning all precincts, especially in Sandlin's hometown of Agawam, shows that he got the right message out.

"We are focused on helping people get to work and bringing money to schools," said Boldyga.

He said continuing to create jobs is a high priority for the Republican, a member of the minority party in the Legislature. He also identified the budget gap as something the House will have to take on a as group.

"They are talking about the possibility of having to raise taxes to close a budget gap," said Boldyga. "We have to eliminate wasteful spending by the state."

Sandlin declined to comment Wednesday morning on the results of the election.



State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga addresses his supporters at Main Street Deli in Agawam on election night.

Had she won, Sandlin would have earned a third term as a state representative. The former School Committee member and Senate legislative aide was elected to the House in 2006, taking a seat previously held by Democrat Daniel Keenan. She fended off a challenge from Boldyga in 2008. Boldyga was then elected as a selectman in Southwick before running again and narrowly defeating Sandlin in 2010.

Boldyga defeated Democrat Samuel DiSanti, of Agawam, to retain his seat in the 2012 and 2014 elections.

After retired Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux decided to end his Democratic campaign for state representative earlier this year, Sandlin started a write-in campaign and won a place on the ballot during the state primary in September.

DEATH NOTICES

Cerpovicz, Shirley T.

Died Oct. 30 Funeral Nov. 7 Curran-Jones Funeral Home

Conlon, Margaret J.

Died Nov. 5 Funeral Nov. 10 Curran-Jones Funeral Home Agawam

Cummings, Brian B.

Funeral Nov. 8 Curran-Jones Funeral Home

DiSisto, William

Died Nov. 1 Funeral Nov. 7 Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

Richardson, Rodney S.

Died Nov. 1 Funeral Nov. 8 Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

Torre, Mark A.

Died Nov. 2 Private services Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home West Springfield

Warren, Frederick J.

Died Oct. 31 Funeral Nov. 5 Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

FAITH MATTERS

Faith takes us from flesh to spirit

Richard Adams

ere is a local newspaper that gives space to local clergy, both men and women, to express spiritual insights that assist us in making the tran-

sition from the natural level of life to the spiritual level of life. Who takes a moment to read these short articles? Could it be that these words, couched within so many, are a test of our earnestness in seeking the things of God?

Every writer hopes that a small seed will take root, grow and eventually bear fruit, but it may shock us to realize that many miss the point.

The only way faith really matters is when it bears fruit, brings understanding that changes our lifestyles and behaviors; we no longer live according to our fleshly desires but according to the Spirit.

Jesus' own disciples, who spent three and one-half years with Him, listening to His teachings, still didn't understand many of the things He taught. When Jesus rose

from the dead, they asked Him if He was now going to restore the kingdom to Israel. His entire Sermon on the Mount was all about the Spirit.

What they understood was a physical restoration of the Nation of Israel, but Jesus spoke about the Spirit. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Without faith we are not able to move from the physical to the spiritu-

al and that is what makes faith matter.

Richard Adams is the senior pastor at Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street in

DPW announces deadline for installing connections

The Department of Public Works has announced that Friday, Nov. 17, will be the last day to apply for the installation of water, sewer or drain connections that have to be installed by the town. All connections applied for after Nov. 17 will be installed in the spring.

This notice does not apply to connections which have been previously installed to the property line of an existing property.

All-campus bazaar at Heritage Hall

The Heritage Hall Campus in Agawam will hold its annual Bazaar and Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, in all five buildings on campus. Over 50 vendors will showcase jewelry, candles, ornaments, homemade items, baked goods, cosmetics and more. Admission is free and lunch is available.

Entrances to the Heritage Hall Campus are located at 462 Main St. or 55 Cooper St. in Agawam. For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.



Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries

One is a free, brief Death Notice listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a Paid Obituary, costing \$75, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & **Paid Obituaries**

should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Congregational church holds Holly Bazaar

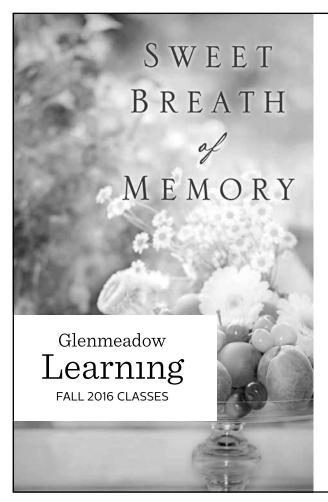
The Agawam Congregational Church's annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bazaar will feature homemade baked goods, gently used stylish and seasonal clothing and jewelry, attic treasures, vendors and crafters featuring knitted items, American Girl doll fashions, LuLaRoe clothing, Jafra and more. Kids can get their pictures taken with Santa as well as participate in other activities. Lunch will be available at the Christmas Café and gift baskets will be raffled off.

For more information, contact the church office at 413-786-7111.

Tuesday deadline to sign up for '91 reunion

The Agawam High Class of 1991 will be hold its 25th reunion from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Shortstop Bar and Grill, 99 Springfield Road, Westfield. Cost is \$35, which includes a buffet dinner, cash bar, music and raffles.

Payment, which must be made no later than Nov. 15, may be mailed to AHS Class of 1991, P.O. Box 1472, Westfield, MA 01086. Checks should be payable to "Agawam High School Class of 1991."



Welcome to Glenmeadow Learning, a series of lifelong learning opportunities.

Debuting a Novel: Ariella Cohen reads from Sweet Breath of Memory



Wednesday, November 16, 1:30-3 p.m. Glenmeadow

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Author Ariella Cohen will read from her novel, Sweet Breath of Memory, in which Cate Saunders starts her life over in Amberley, Massachusetts, after losing her husband to the Iraq War. Cohen's book celebrates that through the sharing of stories, even the most broken among us can be made whole.

Programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required. To enroll, call 413.567.7800 or e-mail learning@glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow.org/learning. Glenmeadow

BluesHead brings R&B back to town

The 13th season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. when Blues-Head Band returns to the Agawam Senior Center for an evening of Chicago-style rhythm and blues.

Steeped in classic roadhouse blues, classic rock and soul, the band consists of harmonica player and singer Johnny Charles, Agawam guitarist Carl Hopkins, bass player Tom Terry and veteran drummer Billy Klock.

Charles spent the 1980s playing and touring the bustling Florida blues circuit. He has played with countless blues greats, such as Tinsley Ellis and Ronnie Earl.

Hopkins is an accomplished guitarist in the Pioneer Valley who has performed here in various groups over the last 45 years.

Klock hails from Plattsburgh, N.Y., and has been a drumming staple in New England for the past two decades and has toured nationally with Roomful of Blues alumnus Greg Piccolo. Klock is a strong advocate for, and works with the mentally challenged in and around the Northampton community.

Terry rounds out the band's rhythm section on bass. Having played nationally, he stays busy as a freelance musician. He holds a degree in music and teaches in the local community.

The Agawam Senior Center is at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.



Rhythm and blues band BluesHead performs at the Agawam Senior Center on Dec. 2. Band members include Tom Terry, pictured here. SUB-

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www. agawamcc.org.

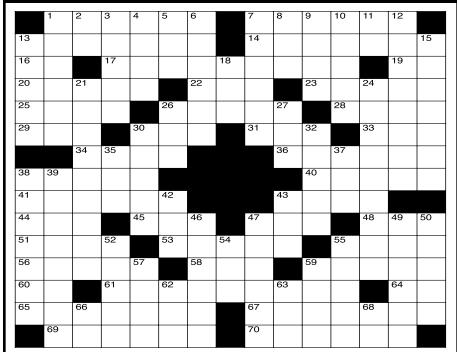
The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which provides some of its funding. The Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Church bazaar to include pony rides, photographer

St. David's Church will hold its Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Included in the bazaar are seasonal items, homemade lunches with soups and chili to eat there or take home. There will also be a bake table, raffles and children's activities including pony rides from noon to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$3.

Brittany Shields, a professional photographer, will be taking 5-by-7-inch pictures for Christmas for \$12 each, from 10 a.m. to

The church is at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-6133.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. State confidently
- 7. Replaced
- 13. Day of remembrance 14. Molecular process
- 16. Indicates position
- 17. Paper-and-pencil game 53. Stalin's police chief
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Nests of pheasants
- 23. Seat
- 25. Functions
- 26. Sheets of glass
- 28. Minute arachnid
- 29. Separately managed
- account 30. A bachelor's place
- 31. Dodge truck 33. __ Farrow, actress
- 34. Discussion
- 36. Delayed
- 38. Liaison
- 40. Sediment deposit
- 41. Leased
- 43. Without

- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. Folk-pop artist
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. Resembles a pouch
- 51. Superior
- 55. Razorbill is of this
- genus
- 22. Corpuscle count (abbr.) 56. Criminal act of setting

 - 58. Department of Labor
 - 59. William Jennings ___, The Great Commoner
 - 60. Nickel
 - 61. Ordered by canon law
 - 64. Where Denver is (abbr.)
 - 65. Has 10 straight sides
 - and angles 67. Small group with
 - shared interests 69. A famous street for
 - kids 70. Underlying intentions

- 1. Mental condition 2. Senate Bill
- 3. Where constructions take place
- 4. Ancient Olympic Site
- 5. Not just "play"
- 6. Set of four
- 7. "The beautiful game" 8. American time
- 9. Big man on campus
- 10. Syndrome of the eye
- 11. Spanish be
- 12. Cotton cloths
- 13. Roman guardian of gates
- 15. Displays of food 18. Anti-Bolshevik Bloc
- of Nations 21. Female deacon
- 24. Adrift 26. Hit lightly 27. Test for high
- schoolers 30. Whittled

- 32. River in western India
- 35. Small crude dwelling 37. One-time AC/DC
 - singer Scott
 - 38. Holds up a shirtsleeve
 - 39. Mental faculties
- 42. Blot
- 43. A very large body of water
- 46. Redecorated
- 47. Mineral
- 49. Tree that bears spikes
- 50. Type of boat
- 52. Calypso music
- 54. Director Howard
- 55. Longtime U.S. Senator Specter 57. Buddhist serpent
- deities 59. Attempt to fly in
- falconry __ de plume
 - 63. Wheel
 - 66. Cerium
 - 68. Rural delivery

New firefighter sworn in



A swearing-in ceremony was held at Agawam Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 7, for Firefighter Luis Delgado. Administering the oath was Vincent Gioscia, town clerk. Also attending the ceremony were Fire Chief Alan Sirois, center, and Deputy Fire Chief Bernard Calvi. SUBMITTED PHOTO

RAISES ■ from page 1

"I certainly would not want to take away

from other priorities," Cohen said. A \$44,000 increase, Bonavita said, wouldn't be "overburdening" to the town since it spends "thousands and thousands of dollars" on salary increases for town and school employees.

Compensation gap

In addition to seeking raises, Bonavita wants to close the pay gap between School Committee members and city councilors. He said committee members are paid half of what the councilors receive, "but I don't see a vast difference between the work in each position."

For example, said Bonavita, the School Committee oversees a department that accounts for more than half of the town's \$82 million budget.

'We have a lot of budget meetings," Bonavita said. "Time and time after time we go through the budget in many different ways."

The committee's finance subcommittee chair, Bonavita said the budget process is nearly a yearlong process, as is the policy subcommittee's work to establish school

policies. He said member of both subcommittees spend "countless hours" working for the schools: "It's not a just a two-meeting-amonth job — and if anybody thinks that's all it is, they're vastly underestimating the

time and work to do the job right." Bonavita added that he's felt for years

that compensation has been underfunded. "Obviously, no one runs for the position because of the money — and many of us would probably serve for free. But that's not the issue," he said. "The issue is if you're going to have compensation, it should be fair and equitable compensation. Salaries should be based on the nature of the job and its work, if the town wants to attract

people for these positions." Cichetti said he is comfortable with the current rate of pay for the mayor and city councilors. He noted that one reason School Committee may be paid less is because their board has fewer meetings - including taking off the whole months of July

and August. Nonetheless, said Cichetti, it might make sense to increase the school board's

stipend to \$6,500 per year. "If you did increase the School Committee, you'd get more candidates," he said, but

"I don't think all three should be increased." Bonavita's proposal surprised many of his colleagues. Several school board members later said the pay isn't a big factor in their desire to serve on the committee. But they do agree with Bonavita that elected officials should be "properly" compensated.

"I was surprised by his suggestion at first, but as he spoke some of what he was saying did make some sense to me," said Shelley Borgatti-Reed, currently the committee's vice chairman.

"We do put in a lot of time supporting our schools," she added. "We attend many more meetings than what you see on TV and also attend many school events throughout the year. Many of us serve on more than one committee — and that can sometimes be very time-consuming."

Carmino Mineo said he hadn't thought about raising salaries prior to Bonavita's comments.

"If it's fiscally responsible and overall beneficial to increase the salaries for the elected officials, we should," Mineo said. "We should be doing anything we can to attract the highest possible talent for these

positions." Wendy Rua said she appreciated Bonavita putting the issue of compensation "front and center." She supports higher compensation to align the School Committee "more appropriately" with other elected officials: "I stand by Mr. Bonavita in support of his efforts to address fair and equitable compensation for School Com-

mittee members." Brian Burbank said Bonavita's comments were "unexpected" because Bonavita is "almost always" looking to minimize budget expenses. "Hearing him propose a cost increase was unusual. But I agree with

what he said." Staff writer Michael J. Ballway contribut-

Ready for four?

ed to this report.

Though lukewarm on increasing the mayor's salary to bring it more in line with West Springfield, James Cichetti said he would be interested in looking at another proposal from

over the bridge. Voters in West Springfield approved a local ballot question Tuesday to increase their mayor's term of office from two to four years. Cichetti said longer terms might make sense in Agawam, particularly for the mayor, but potentially also to allow for staggered terms on the council and School Committee. - Michael J. Ball-

Neighbors' pay

Agawam's salaries and stipends for elected officials are currently at or near the low end, compared with similarly-sized nearby cities.

City	Mayor	Council	Schoo
Agawam	\$85,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Chicopee	\$85,000	\$12,000	\$6,000
Holyoke	\$85,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
W. Springfield	\$110,000	\$8,000	\$5,000
Westfield	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$5,000

Anthony Bonavita, who is proposing raising these salaries and stipends in Agawam to \$95,000, \$12,000 and \$7,000, respectively, said salaries in other communities shouldn't determine compensation in Agawam. He said it's more important to have "equitable compensation" for elected positions.

Public Safety

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 81 EMS calls from Oct. 25 to Oct. 31, and the following emergency response calls

On Oct. 25 at 5:46 a.m., the department responded to Maynard Street for false alarm call, other.

On Oct. 25 at 9:41 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 25 at 4:23 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 25 at 10:47 p.m., the department responded to Springfield street for dumpster or other outside trash

On Oct. 27 at 8:30 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for detector activation, no fire — unin-

On Oct. 26 at 9:16 a.m., the department responded to Channell Drive for public service.

On Oct. 26 at 10 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for electrical wiring/equipment problem,

On Oct. 27 at 10:57 a.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for citizen complaint.

On Oct. 27 at 3:40 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Oct. 27 at 10:17 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle to assist invalid.

On Oct. 27 at 10:29 p.m., the department responded to Park Street for person in distress, other.

On Oct. 28 at 11:54 a.m., the department responded to Franklin Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 28 at 3:11 p.m., the department respond-

ed to S. Westfield Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

On Oct. 29 at 12:16 a.m., the department responded to Main Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address

On Oct. 29 at 1:38 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction

On Oct. 29 at 1:31 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for smoke from barbecue, tar kettle. On Oct. 29 at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Oct. 29 at 11:45 p.m., the department responded to Main Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 30 at 2:32 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for smoke scare, odor of smoke. On Oct. 31 at 3:02 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Oct. 31 at 6:15 p.m., the department responded to Sylvan Lane for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 256 calls for service from Nov. 1 to Nov. 6. The department recorded one arrest in its public log.

Friday, Nov. 4

Carlo Joseph Romeo, 42, of Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of breaking and entering a motor vehicle.



The Agawam High School hockey team is pictured at last year's food drive held at the Agawam Public Library. Submitted photo

Library food drive runs through Dec. 17

The Agawam Public Library is collecting nonperishable food items through Dec. 17. This year the donations will be brought to the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield. Hamburger Helper and small containers of condiments are always in demand. All other non-perishable food will also be accepted — but please, no expired food. There is a basket for donations across from the circulation desk at the Agawam Library.

The Parish Cupboard, founded in 1986 by Parish Association of local Protestant and Catholic churches, has been helping the less fortunate members of Agawam

and West Springfield for almost 30 years. Through local donations of clothing, food and money, the Parish Cupboard has been able to help thousands of citizens throughout the decades, something they plan on continuing as long as there are people in

To learn more about this organization, visit www.parishcupboard.com. For more information about the food drive, call the Children's Room at library at 413-789-1550, ext. 3. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Aga-

Blood donations needed during holiday season

Donors of all blood types are needed to help ensure a sufficient supply throughout the holiday season. A decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, when donors are busy with family gatherings and travel.

A blood drive will be held in Agawam from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the Agawam Fire Department at 800 Main St.

All those who donate Nov. 24-28 will be invited to download a set of recipes from celebrity chefs. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. Donation appointments and completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce wait times.

Santa visits, gift shopping at St. John's bazaar

St. John the Evangelist Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Santa Claus will be there from 9 a.m. until noon to talk with the kids about their wish list for this Christmas. Popular booths returning this year include baked goods, candy, knitting, Christmas decorations, books, attic treasures, and jewelry. New this year will be a special section of gift baskets to be raffled off. Lunch will be available and the snack bar will again be open.

The bazaar will be held in the Parish Center behind the church at 833 Main

Clergy to host annual Thanksgiving Eve service

The Agawam Clergy Association will hold its annual Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.

Local pastors will conduct the service. The welcome and opening prayer will be led by the Rev. Dr. Gregory Dawson, pastor of Agawam Congregational Church, and the Thanksgiving proclamation will be led by Mayor Richard Cohen. The invocation will be led by the Rev. Timothy Reed, of Bethany Assembly of God; the Thanksgiving offering will be led by the Rev. Bill Pass, pastor of Church of Redemption; and scriptures and messages of Thanksgiving will be offered by the Rev. George Thomson, Agawam First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Josephus Housey Jr. of Redeeming the Time Ministries. Music will be provided by Tracy Nawskon, choir director at Agawam Congregational Church.

All are welcome. Fellowship time will follow in Bryan Hall.

A free-will offering will support the Phil Coburn Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Thomas in West Springfield on Thursday, Nov. 24. Agawam and Feeding Hills residents can have dinners delivered by calling the Agawam Senior Center at 413-821-0604 or 413-821-0605. Everyone is invited to St. Thomas School. Meals will be served from noon to 2 p.m.

EB's meals to benefit EvvGirl Foundation later this month

EB's Restaurant will hold its "Give Back Monday" fundraiser program Monday, Nov. 28, with proceeds to benefit EvvGirl Foundation.

Evan Bard, a nursing student from Agawam, was killed in 2014 in a drunk driving crash. The EvvGirl Foundation was established by her family to continue Bard's passions in nursing, specifically for neonatal intensive care units, pediatrics and maternity, as well as early childhood education and cheerleading. Proceeds from the event will help put webcams in the NICU at Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield, enabling families of NICU premature babies to watch their infants throughout the day from around the world.

Ten percent of the day's sales on Nov. 28, including dinein and take-out, will benefit the EvvGirl Foundation. Alcohol sales are excluded.

The restaurant is at 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam. For more information, call 413-789-3525 or visit ebsrestau-

Services to commemorate closing of the Year of Mercy

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Hampden West Deanery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, which includes St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam and Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, will close out the Year of Mercy with a special day of celebration Friday, Nov. 18, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Church, 47 Pine St., West Springfield.

Services at St. Thomas will include Eucharistic adoration, noon to 6 p.m.; confession, 1-2 p.m.; Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Rosary and closing of the Eucharistic adoration, 6 p.m.; and a Mass with sermon in the Divine Mercy at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to attend any of the special services.



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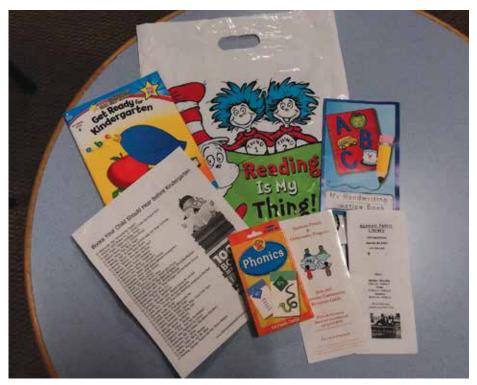


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"Get Ready for Kindergarten" kits are available free to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents who have children starting kindergarten in the fall. SUBMITTED PHOTO

'Get Ready' kits available for pre-K families

The Agawam Public Library, in conjunction with the Agawam Family and Community Program, is offering "Get Ready for Kindergarten" kits to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents who have children starting kindergarten in the fall. The kits are available now at the Agawam Public Library in the Children's Room and were funded by the Agawam Family and Community Program. Funding for the Agawam Family and Community Program is provided by Department of Early Education and Care.

The kit includes 54 phonics flashcards, a handwriting practice workbook, a 64-page "Get Ready for Kindergarten" workbook, a list of 1,000 books your child should hear before kindergarten, a welcome brochure from the Agawam Public Library, and a brochure published by the Agawam Family and Community Resource guide with contact information to key community resources. This free kit will give children a jumpstart on getting ready for their first day of kindergarten.

For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 3. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Medical service



Members of the Agawam High School Future Medical Career Club visited the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield on Friday, Oct. 28, to paint pumpkins with young members of the residence. Back row, from left, Julia Santa, club advisor, Foram Patel, Jisun Kim, Liz Clariane Franqui, Jessica Vaughn and Stephanie Herring; front, Cameron Wood. SUBMITTED PHOTO

AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

Visiting college representatives

Students interested in meeting with any of the college or university representatives that will be visiting Agawam High School must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center.

Open houses

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the Counseling Center for more informa-

Special interest programs

The American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at Centers and over the phone (877-33-.4348). Additionally, the Boston College Planning Center is holding FAFSA Workshops every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. and Federal Student Aid ID Workshops every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. More information is available by calling Kristi Pierce at 617-

The Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance & Film is hosting an Open House for interested students on Friday, Nov. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 401-865-2327 for information on the program or to set up an audition/interview appointment.

Western New England Department of Social Work will be hosting an informational luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Learn about internships, meet with students and faculty, and explore professional career options with a BSW degree. To register,

New England Institute of Technology will be hosting a series of Career Education Days to help students learn more about their potential careers — Construction Day, Nov. 18; Engineering and Communications Day, March 3; Health Day, April 7. To register for any of these events go to NEIT.edu/CareerEducation.

Curry College is hosting an informative evening about the college search process, "Navigating the College Search for Students with Learning Differences" Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To register, call Michelle Bracken at 617-333-2210 or email mbracken@curry.

Westfield State University is offering early college access to high school students. Eligible students must have a "B" average or better in their high school classes in order to be eligible. Students wishing to pursue dual enrollment must meet all eligibility criteria which can be found at mass.edu/strategic/read_cdep.asp.

The deadline for Spring 2017 is Dec. 9. The reduced tuition for a three-credit course is \$636 and a four-credit course is \$848.

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in each semester through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering the Advanced Placement Program to qualified students. Tuition is waived and students pay only a registration fee of \$20 and a technology fee of \$50. Registration for the spring 2017 semester should be submitted before Jan. 17. For more information, contact the registrar at 413-265-2314.

Are you a young entrepreneur? Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a 2017 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation. Visit NFIB.com/YEA for more information and to apply online between by Dec. 18.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: Hendry David Thoreau Foundation; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Make College Happen Challenge; 2017 Profile in Courage Essay; Skidmore College; Ronald McDonald House Charities US Scholarship Program; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Big Y Scholarship; American College Foundation; Darcy B. Davis Scholarship; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Business Professional Scholarship.

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"Get involved in college activities and campus life. It's an opportunity for you to start fresh and spread your wings. If you were shy in high school, this is an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and be a part of the campus community."

- Mrs. LaPoint, counseling

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 14: Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, seasoned vegetables, seasoned rice, fresh and chilled fruit

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Pancakes with syrup, egg and cheese omelet, bacon strips, fresh and chilled

Wednesday, Nov. 16: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled

Thursday, Nov. 17: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit. Friday, Nov. 18: Chicken patty on a bun, sweet potato fries, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Monday, Nov. 14: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: All-beef twin tacos, salsa, lettuce and tomato, southwest rice, black beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: Pasta with meatballs, garlic

breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled

Thursday, Nov. 17: Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, whole-grain stuffing, assorted pie (AJHS) ice cream sandwich (Doering and elementary), craisins, assorted chilled fruit,

Friday, Nov. 18: Individual pizza round, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL **BREAKFAST MENU**

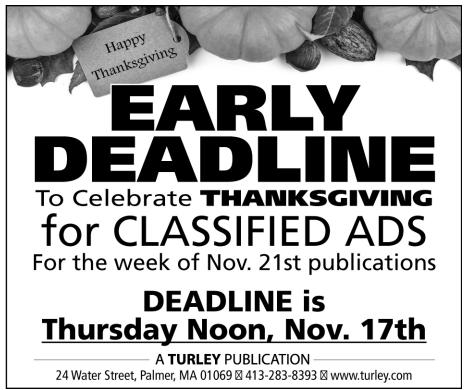
Monday, Nov. 14: Assorted low-sugar cereal, stuffed bagel sticks, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Assorted low-sugar cereal, assorted nutrigrain bars, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: Assorted low-sugar cereal. warm cinnamon roll, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Thursday, Nov. 17: Assorted low-sugar cereal, assorted nutrigrain bars, mozzarella cheese, assorted muffins, juice or milk.

Friday, Nov. 18: Assorted waffles with syrup, string cheese, fresh fruit, juice or milk.





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worst was 40.1 percent in Precinct 1, which votes at Robinson Park School.

In the presidential race, minor-party candidates Gary Johnson (Libertarian) and Jill Stein (Green) were non-factors, polling 651 and 208 votes, respectively. Their combined 859 votes, even if they had all gone to Clinton in a two-way race, would not have been enough to swing the election in town.

Though Massachusetts was deep blue on the national map, Agawam was hardly alone voting for the president-elect. According to numbers tabulated by the Associated Press, Agawam's 51 percent vote for Trump didn't even place it among the leading GOP towns in the state. Neighboring Southwick gave Trump 57 percent of its presidential vote, and Tolland approached 62 percent. Granville, Westfield, East Longmeadow and several other Hampden County towns, along with wide swaths of Worcester County, northern Middlesex and Essex counties and Southeastern Massachusetts, supported the Republican candidate.

GOP legislators re-elected

Agawam helped return both of its Republican state legislators to Beacon Hill, even as state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, a Southwick resident, faced a Democratic challenger from Agawam with a long history of elected service in town.

Rosemary Sandlin, D-Agawam, failed to win any precinct in Agawam, Southwick or Granville in her bid to unseat Boldyga. The former state representative and School Committee member in town polled 44.6 percent of the vote in Agawam and 40 percent across the district. Her best showing was 48.8 percent in Precinct 3 of Agawam, which votes at the high school.

Boldyga won by a count of 7,848 to 6,316 in Agawam and 12,136 to 8,089 in the district as a whole. His support was strongest in Southwick, where he captured 71.4 percent of the vote, but he polled as high as 60.9 percent in Agawam's Precinct 7.

State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westdefeated J.D. Parker-O'Grady, D-Southampton, by a 2-to-1 margin in Agawam, en route to an approximate 42,200 to 29,000 vote win in the 11-town district. Humason won each of Agawam's eight precincts, with especially strong support in precincts 2 and 7, where he captured more than 70 percent of the vote.

Democratic turn

Despite support for Republicans in the presidential and state legislative races, Agawam backed two Democrats in contested races on Tuesday.

The town was part of a landslide re-election victory for U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, who fended off challenges from a Libertarian and an independent candidate.

Agawam gave 9,505 votes to Neal, compared with 3,040 for independent Frederick "Fritz" Mayock of Springfield, and 1,077 for Libertarian Thomas Simmons of Shelburne. In precincts 2 (Granger School) and 3, Neal received more than 70 percent of the vote; the only polling place where he won less than 68 percent was Precinct 1, where he got 66 percent.

Agawam also followed the countywide trend in electing Nick Cocchi, D-Ludlow, to the post of Hampden County sheriff. His 9,238 votes in town easily outpaced the 3,230 of John Comerford, R-Palmer, and the 1,284 of independent James Gill of Wilbraham. Cocchi's strongest support was in Precinct 3, at 70.1 percent; his weakest was in Precinct 8 (one of two at Clark School), at 64.2 percent.

No-No-Yes-No

In addition to the candidates on the ballot, Agawam also weighed in on four statewide ballot questions. The town voted with the statewide majority on the first three questions:

 Agawam voters rejected a proposed second slots parlor, 9,514 to 4,805, a 66.4 percent "no" vote. The state voted 60.6 percent "no."



City Council President James Cichetti casts his vote at Phelps School on Tuesday afternoon.

· Following the advice of their own School Committee, local voters turned down a proposal to expand charter schools in Massachusetts, 9,780 to 4,777, a 67.2 percent "no" vote. The state voted 62.1 percent

• In an 11,015 to 3,527 vote, Agawam supported outlawing the sale of pork, veal or eggs from farms where animals are confined so tightly that they cannot turn around. Agawam's 75.7 percent "yes" vote was slightly lower than the statewide 77.6 percent "yes."

The closest result on the ballot — both in Agawam and statewide — was Ouestion

4, the legalization of recreational marijuana use, won a 53.3 percent "yes" vote across the state, but was narrowly defeated in town, with 7,435 "no" votes to 7,197 "yes," for 50.8 percent "no." The measure actually passed in two Agawam precincts, 832-754 in Precinct 1 and 894-882 in Precinct 3, though it was defeated in the other six. Precinct 2, where 53.3 percent of votes were "no," led the opposition to marijuana. Agawam was not alone in Western Massachusetts; other suburbs in a ring around Springfield, from West Springfield to Ludlow, also voted against legalization.



Election clerk Charlene Pilon checks in Suzanne Beaudette, accompanied by her daughter Audrey, 2, at the Granger School polling place on Tuesday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Joe Estredge, left, and constable Michael Mercadante feed early voting ballots into the voting machine at Agawam Junior High School on Election Day.





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STREETS **■** from page 1

"I hope we get a lot of people to show up at the meeting," Chase said. "Just plugging in these ideas is fantastic to us, but actually having a discussion and hearing what the concerns are from the people at the meeting is priceless."

The intention of the Complete Streets program is to promote infrastructure for transportation other than the automobile: walking, bicycling and public transit, for instance.

One of her top Complete Streets priorities is a new crosswalk plan at O'Brien's Corner, the intersection of Maple, North, Rowley and Springfield streets, a walking route to Robinson Park School. Chase said she spent time at that corner with the school crossing guard recently and gained a deeper understanding of how unsafe that busy intersection is for pedestrians.

Among the comments pinned to the online map:

- · Barry and South West streets: "Flashing red and flashing yellow lights. Even though there are signs indicationg that cross traffic does not stop, and there are even two stop signs on one side of the intersection, people still do not stop as they should. I have seen countless accidents happen, and even more close calls at this intersection. we need more than just stop signs here."
- · Corey Street: "Need sidewalks on Corey Street, especially with the addition of School Street Park extension. Lots more pedestrian traffic and the narrow road and poor visibility makes walking very dangerous."
- Meadow Street: "Adding sidewalks could make less bus stops on this street. Children will be able to congregate and the

bus won't need to stop at every single driveway down the road."

- · Mill Street: "Sidewalks in poor condition from Poplar to Line Street along Mill Street to High School."
- · North Street: "There should be sidewalks to access [Robinson State] Park. I've seen children walking on North Street to get to the park and that is unacceptable."
- School Street: "Sidewalks at the [eastern] end of School Street has been a great addition. Sidewalks all the way up to the [Phelps] school would be even better. Lots of people use School Street to walk down to the River Road bike path."
- Silver and Suffield streets: "Pedestrian crosswalk signals should be added. Almost impossible to cross street anywhere near
- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$ South Street: "I walk on South Street every day, and it is very unsafe. Vehicles are always speeding and some places there is not even a breakdown lane to walk in. Please finish the sidewalks all the way down South Street."

· Springfield and Franklin streets: "High housing, convenience store and laundry located here, within walking distance from two schools. Children and adults cannot cross safely — low lighting at night."

Chase said she will add some of her own suggestions to the conversation next week. For example, after the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge and the eastern end of Springfield Street are rebuilt next year, Chase wants to see a dedicated bike lane north along Walnut Street to connect North Agawam with the new bike lanes over the bridge and down Walnut Street Extension.

One suggestion pinned on the map, a dedicated left-turn signal on Suffield Street at Rowley and Cooper streets, is already in



The intersection of Barry and South West streets, currently a two-way stop, is one of the locations highlighted by contributors to Agawam's Complete Streets "wiki-map," who are asking for a fourway stop there. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

planning, Chase said. She said the town is already planning on using mitigation payments from the MGM Springfield casino project to redesign that five-way intersec-

Pins on the map have caused her to re-evaluate some other projects, though.

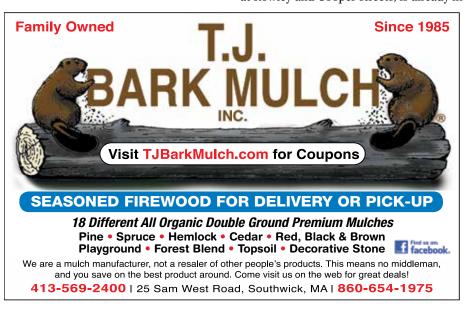
"One of the ones we had on our radar but we didn't realize how important it was was Pine Street south of South Westfield Street," she said.

The town had already been planning to extend sidewalks from Hendom Drive, where they currently end, to the Pine-South Westfield intersection, but public support for walking or bicycling infrastructure farther south along Route 187 could mean an expansion of that project.

The suggestions collected online and at the public meeting will be compiled, analyzed and ranked in a list of desired projects over the next five years. That list will be sent to the state Department of Transportation as part of an application for a Complete Streets grant. If the grant is awarded, construction could begin in fiscal 2018 the year beginning July 1, 2017.

Chase said she will also use the priority list developed by the Complete Streets process to determine where to spend the town's annual road and sidewalk repair funds. She said the town Department of Public Works got approval last year to hire a four-person crew just to work on sidewalks.

More information and a link to this map can be found at www.agawam.ma.us/engineering or search Google.com for "Agawam engineering." Michelle Chase, town engineer, can be reached at 413-821-0625 or mchase@agawam.ma.us.



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Clark School PTO Treasurer Shavone Gauthier chats with Lauren Welsh during the school's Election Day bake sale. Gauthier's son Luca, 7, is checking on the popcorn machine. Among other items, the Clark PTO is raffling a Hatchimal — this year's "musthave" Christmas toy, sold out at stores — pictured in the foreground. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any Clark PTO member before Dec. 12; for more information, call Gauthier at 413-374-0624.



From left, Morgan Platten, 8, and Hannah Manning, 12, wait for customers at the Agawam Piranhas bake sale Tuesday afternoon in the Agawam Junior High School polling place. Proceeds benefited the swim team, which has 164 members and recently won its first meet of the season. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS



Sally Sparrow purchases baked goods from Michelle Matland, center, and Phelps School PTO member Nicole Apostle during Tuesday's election. Apostle said the parents at Phelps School outdid themselves with donations this year, and the fundraiser was "going awesome, crushing previous records."



PTO volunteer Heather DeFilipi and her daughter Lea, 6, watch over the bake sale at Granger School on Election Day.





FIELD HOCKEY

Agawam gets by Knights in quarterfinals

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – Last month, the Agawam and Holyoke field hockey teams met in an independent matchup that saw the Brownies take care of the Knights in quick fashion.

But in the playoffs, teams show up to play and goals were at more of a premium as Agawam edged out the Knights 2-0 in the quarterfinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

The victory moved No. 3 Agawam into the semifinals where they faced another familiar foe in Minnechaug Regional High School

Holyoke, which has had excellent regular season records over the past three years but play in a weaker league, have continued to improve and gave the Brownies a really tough time. The Knights actually would come out on the attack early on, grabbing an early penalty corner before they found themselves on the wrong end of the field thanks

to a great transition from Eliza

Following a 25-yard hit from Holyoke, Timms managed to clear the ball on the right side of the field. She then quickly moved up the right side, and took it all the way up the field toward Holyoke's goal. She then made a hard hit to the left where Nina Bruno was waiting near the Holyoke goal. Bruno would then take a shot off goalie Cheyenne Dunn's pad and into the goal to give the Brownies a 1-0 lead with 21:42 remaining in the first half.

Following the goal, Holyoke went right after the tie, getting three straight penalty corners. The Knights would continuously keep play on Agawam's end, challenging Agawam goalie Nikki Bates

Bates did a good job on her own, amassing 14 saves, several of them kick saves. Her defense also worked well, keeping out a number of other shots.

Agawam was able to pick up

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Nicole Mercadante moves up the middle of the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BOYS SOCCER

Rivers hat trick helps Brownies move on to quarterfinals

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turlev.com

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team found its offense in the opening round of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

The Brownies started their quest to get back to the finals for the second straight season as they easily dispatched Northampton 6-0 last Saturday evening at Agawam High School.

No. 8 Agawam drew the first round matchup against No. 9 Northampton and had no problem scoring early and often.

The thru-ball worked a number of times for the Brownies, starting with one 12 minutes into the game that started with Luis Nieves sending the ball to Sangmyoung Han. Han would break away and shot right past Northampton goalie Evan Renaud.

Up 1-0, the Brownies offense did not quit, but the scoring slowed down for a bit.

Dan Korotich scored the second Agawam goal with 9:06 remaining in the half. He also took a thru-ball, dribbled to the goal and shot upper left to make it a two-goal Agawam lead.

Less than a minute later, with a different combination getting the score. Nieves was on the left side and the thru-ball going to right post with Evan Corridan waiting to move toward the goal.



Joe Hendrickson goes up the middle. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jarred Drumond makes a pass to his left.

FOOTBALL



Three different players converge on a tackle. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREG-

Morassi's four touchdowns pace Agawam offense over Chicopee

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turlev.com

AGAWAM – The Pacers made a push, but Agawam scored more than enough in the second half to keep their distance defeated Chicopee 49-38 in a non-playoff game last Friday night at Agawam High School.

The Brownies were in non-playoff action for the first time since a new playoff format making Weeks 9 and 10 playoff weeks was invoked three years ago.

Agawam and Chicopee have definite familiarity with each after being Suburban League rivals for the last three years, Agawam has won each meet against the Pacers during the last three years.

The Brownies wasted no time getting started on offense after

seeing several of their weapons shut down during the past few weeks against tougher opponents like Central, Longmeadow, and Chicopee Comprehensive.

Chris Morassi got the scoring started when he caught a short pass from Mike Basile and maneuvered around the Chicopee defense to score with 3:50 remaining in the first quarter. After Chicopee could not score, Morassi made a 60-yard run on Agawam's next possession to close out the quarter with another touchdown.

The Pacers would get one score back with an early second quarter touchdown run by Joe Morales, but Agawam's Jared Durocher answered that with a touchdown reception from Basile with 7:17 remaining.

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its insurance goal early in the second half, utilizing a penalty corner. Bruno provided the insert pass with ball going to Kristen Fellion near the top of the circle.

Fellion would send a hard shot right through several players and into the goal to make it 2-0. Holyoke's side would question whether or not Fellion took the shot inside the circle, but it was ruled a goal.

The Knights did not give up, and continued to make attempts on the Agawam goal, but with the bigger lead, Agawam was able to keep more of their defense back and play with confidence as Bates and the defense picked up the shutout in the opening round of the playoffs.

Holyoke would have another excellent

season and could be in line to move into a better league during re-alignment this off-season. Agawam coach Karen Gomez complimented the Knights after the game.

"They are a great team and they gave us a really good game this time," she said. "They are a team that plays on turf and they know how to play it."

Agawam just recently became a turf team with their knew artificial playing surface

If Agawam gets by Minnechaug in the semifinals they would move on to the finals scheduled for Nov. 11 at West Springfield High School. For up-to-date information on the playoff brackets, go to www.miaa. net.



Camille Aloisi tries to move the ball out of Agawam's circle. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Emily Oliver works in the middle of the field.



Kristen Fellion makes a hit for the Brownies.



Jonathan Kelley tries to defend against Northampton. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Sangmyoung Han makes a run on left side. He scored the first goal of the game for Agawam. $\label{eq:condition}$



Christian Gonet makes a run for the Brownies.

SOCCER I

The goalie came out of the box and Corridan made a low shot to the left side. It was just inside the left post to make it 3-0 Agawam.

The Brownies continued to keep their distance from the Blue Devils during the first half, with the offense continuously on the attack.

In that second half, there were three more Agawam goals, all coming from Zach

Rivers.

First, Christian Gonet made a pass left to Rivers, and he moved it past Ian

Hutchins to make it 4-0 with 33:14 left.

That score would stand until Rivers scored again with 11:11 left, this time off a feed from Brian Forgette.

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He notched the hat trick with a pass from Sam Stepchuk. Rivers was just barely onsides as he broke away to get the thru-ball pass and went straight to the goal make it 6-0.

Not to be forgotten was a great effort by Agawam's defense and eight-save shutout performance goalie Ben Mielnikowski.

With the victory, Agawam moved to 9-8-2 and was scheduled to move on and faced top-seeded Minnechaug Regional High School Tuesday evening. If the Brownies were able to get by Minnechaug, they would move into the semifinal round, which was scheduled for Nov. 10. For more information on the current brackets, go to www.miaa.net.

Sabourin free kick ends Agawam's season

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School girls soccer team was defeated by Holyoke on Saturday afternoon thanks a goal by Katie Sabourin on a free kick with about 20 seconds remaining in the game.

With the 1-0 victory over the Brownies, the No. 10 Knights would move on to play at No. 2 Ludlow earlier this week.

Agawam had several good chances to score, with many of them coming as the second half progressed.

The Brownies attempted to make several cross plays, but simply could not finish their opportunities.

In the final minute of the game, play had transitioned with a Holyoke forward attempting to make a run down the left side. She was tripped up just as she got inside 25 yards and the Knights were awarded a direct free kick just outside the box.

That kick was taken by Sabourin, who made the perfect shot over Agawam goalie Erin Berthiaume. The shot was over the outstretched goalie and just under the upper post for the only goal of the game.

On the restart, Agawam made one last attempt, but Holyoke defended it quickly to send the Knights bench into a frenzy. It was the second time that a low-seated Knights team went on the road and scored a victory against a tougher opponent. Last year, it was Pittsfield the Knights were able

The win gave Holyoke a similar fate a road quarterfinal game at Ludlow, which beat them 2-1 last year.

Agawam's season ends at 8-8-3 as the Brownies were not able to score off of Holyoke goalie Callie Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh had another brilliant playoff performance, making 16 saves. Earlier in the season, Agawam defeated Holyoke 3-0, with Alyssa Montagna scoring twice.

She was shut down by the Knights, unable to move anything past Cavanaugh. Agawam had a lot of trouble getting quality shots on goal, with many of the shots hard, but right at Cavanaugh.

Another thing that worked out well early in the game for Holyoke was an offsides-trap defense that would get Agawam a number of times. Holyoke pushed their defense up about 30 yards from the goal. It cause a number of Agawam player to get caught offsides during thru-ball attempts.

Agawam made adjustments later as the game went on, but still had trouble getting shots off. The Brownies had a pair of corner kicks early in the second half, but could not convert on the first one. Cavanaugh would intercept the second one.

Holyoke's best scoring chance came during the second half came when Morgan Sheehan had a breakaway and shot on goal at Berthiaume. The goalie would make the save despite a bobble to keep the scoreless game intact.



Goalie Erin Berthiaume attempts to head off Holyoke's Mary Glasheen. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY



Katie Grasso attempts to steal the ball.



Caitlyn Shean lifts a free kick.



Mia Kelley attempts a shot on goal before the defense steals the ball.

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Late in the quarter, Basile made a pass to the far left to Ryan White. White dodged a few tacklers en route to a 45-yard touchdown to make it 28-8.

Up by three touchdowns, the Pacers were able to make a run in the second half with four touchdowns. The only drawback was that Agawam had an answer for three of those scores, keeping the game out of reach.

Kory Potter had a 53-yard run and Issaiah Jackson had a 13-yard run for a touchdown. Later, Jackson caught a pass from quarterback Matt Swenor for a score in the fourth

Morassi had two of Agawam's three touchdowns in the second half with runs of 65 yards and 50 yards. Matt O'Keefe would get an interception with 2:14 left in the fourth quarter and return it 55 yards for another score.

Basile finished with a 5-of-9 night for 95 yards and three touchdowns. Morassi had a huge night with three catches for 44 yards and another 236 yards on the ground on 12 carries. Basile ran himself six times for 66

Chicopee was led on the ground by Jackson with 121 yards on 22 carries. Potter had 50 yards rushing. Swenor went 4-of-8 for 87 yards and two touchdowns.

In Week 10, Chicopee will host Minnechaug and Agawam is scheduled to face Commerce. Minnechaug and Chicopee is currently scheduled for Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. The Agawam-Commerce matchup has not been made official.



Jared Durocher watches the hop on a punt. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Aiden Page attempts an extra-point for the Brownies.



Mike Basile attempts a pass for Agawam.



Agawam's Chris Morassi runs down the field. He ran for 236 yards and scored four times against Chicopee.

Out & About

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Saturday, Nov. 12

A HOLIDAY BAZAAR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills will include children's activities, a professional photographer, raffles and pony rides from noon to 1 p.m. for \$3.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC at Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road featuring local guitarists Jesse, John and Zeker with music ranging from classical guitar to contemporary rock to roll to gospel, at 7 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted.

Sunday, Nov. 13

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND VENDOR NIGHT from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will help support the school's Washington D.C. Club trip.

"FALL HANGOUT" for teens in grades 7 through 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. The Wii system will be set up, the 3Doodler 3D Printing Pen will be available to try, and autumn leaf Mason jar candle holders will be the featured craft. For more information, call 413-569-1221, ext. 3.

TOBACCO VALLEY ARTISTS ASSOCIATION will meet at 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. A brief business meeting will be followed by a demonstration by award-winning artist Robert Noreika. For more information, contact Sam Dupuis at 860-745-3608 or samdupuis45@outlook.com.

"LUNCH FOR THE MIND" at 12:30 p.m. at the Granby Senior Center, 15 N. Granby Road, Granby, Conn. Featured speaker is Kristin Alibozek, one of the approximately 25,000 people every year to attempt to summit Mount Kilimanjaro. Registration is encouraged, at 860-844-5352. The cost to attend is \$5. Participants should bring their own lunch; beverage and a dessert will be provided.

Thursday, Nov. 17

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "WWI Nurse Edith Cavell's Fate: Decision or Destiny" featuring Terri Arthur, British nurse, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Nov. 18

FANDOM FRIDAY for students in grades 7-12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road. Crafts, snacks, games, and an episode or two of a TV series or part of a movie. This month's fandom will be the Wizarding World of Harry. For more information, call 413-569-1221, ext. 3.

HOLDIDAY BAZAAR at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill, E. Granby, Conn. today from 1 to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soup and sandwich luncheon Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 860-668-1031

A CHRISTMAS FAIR today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www. bethany-ag.org.

Saturday, Nov. 19

SACRED HEART OF CHRISTMAS Craft Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162. The church is at 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick.

WINTER MARKET will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield and will include vendors with seasonal products and local crafters with pottery, candles, woodcrafts and home decorating items. The building is handicap accessible with free parking, and professional babysitting is provided.

HOLLY WREATH BAZAAR at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids can get their pictures taken with Santa as well as participate in other activities. Lunch will be available at the Christmas Café and gift baskets will be raffled off. For more information, call 413-786-7111.

BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR at the Heritage Hall Campus, 462 Main St., Agawam from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in all five buildings. Admission is free and lunch is available. Entrances to the Heritage Hall Campus are at 462 Main St. or 55 Cooper St. For more information, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

ALL-DAY CARD WORKSHOP to benefit the Westfield Athenaeum at the Central Baptist Church, 115 Elm St., Westfield from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All materials provided. Advance registration required. Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order from Two Rivers Burritos. To register, contact Sandra at stampinsandra@ comcast.net.

"Understanding your best friend" with Phil Klein, certified dog listener, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suffield Senior Center, 145 Bridge St. Bring questions, but not your dog, to this free program. Register at 860-668-3896 or online at suffield-library.org.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Santa Clause will be there from 9 a.m. until noon. Lunch will be available and the snack bar will be open.

Saturday, Dec. 3

ANNUAL HOLLY BAZAAR at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3

Sunday, Dec. 4

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 11178 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in Father Shea Hall of Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick,

Monday, Dec. 5

A CHRISTMAS DINNER at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Cost is \$10. Tickets may be reserved by calling the church office at 413-786

Saturday, Dec. 10

WINTER MARKET will be open from 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. inside the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., Westfield and will include vendors with seasonal products and local crafters with pottery, candles, woodcrafts and home decorating items. The building is handicap accessible with free parking, and professional babysitting is provided.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome

ONGOING

THE FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S Open Juried Art Show is on display at the Agawam Public Library through Nov. 25. The artwork may be seen Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550.

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ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE WESTFIELD WOMAN'S CLUB's clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, Lilian at 413-568-2916.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

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AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www. survivorjourneys.org.

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The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will host "Agapella" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The four-member a cappella group, featuring local television news anchor Chris Pisano, performed as Agawam High School students in the 1980s and has recently gotten back together. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance by calling Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071. They will also be sold at the door.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 14: Vegetable soup, cheeseburger on a roll, corn, bananas.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Pasta with chicken and broccoli primavera, spinach salad, pineapple.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: Vegetable chili over a baked potato, cheddar cheese, carrot and raisin salad, nudding

Thursday, Nov. 17: Sausage, peppers and onions over egg noodles, cheddar cheese, carrot and raisin salad, pudding.

Friday, Nov. 18: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing butternut squash cranberry muffins, mashed potatoes, gravy, pumpkin pie (\$6).

Calendar of Events

Monday, Nov. 14: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, SNAP benefit meeting (Garden Room); 11:30 a.m., Gentle | Friday, Nov. 18: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let's Paint; Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Writing Club; 1 p.m. Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: S.H.I.N.E. representative (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, open knitting / sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Sound of Music"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; Junior Women's Club meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (coffee shop); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Nov. 17: 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

9:30 a.m., tai chi; 11:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Day luncheon (\$6 - music with Liz Carter, raffles); noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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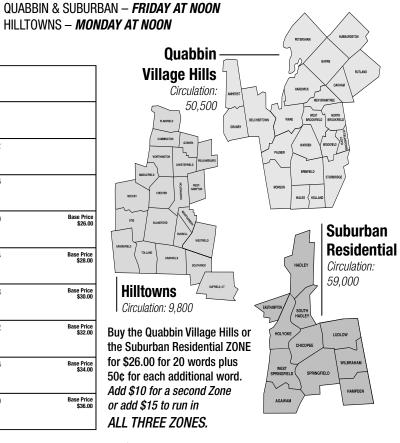


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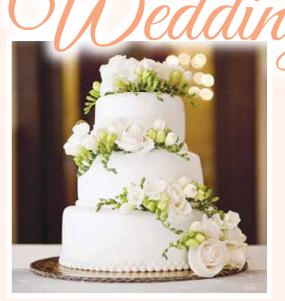
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To wit:

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated at Lot 26 on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 41, Page 65, being bounded and described as

NORTHERLY by Ruth Avenue, Eighty (80) feet; EASTERLY by Lot

27 (Twenty-Seven) as show on said plan, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of one Summer C. Schwartz et ux Eighty (80) feet; and

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Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed dated May 2, 2013 and recorded in said Registry in Book 19830, Page 326.

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Chamber hosts food fest

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce held its annual showcase for Agawam and West Springfield restaurants, Food Fest West, on Oct. 26 at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

Exhibitors included Chez Josef, Crestview Country Club, Hofbrauhaus, LPVEC, Main Street Deli, Nadim's, Partners Restaurant, Storrowton Tavern, Tekoa Country Club, the Garden Restaurant and more, with entertainment by TC's DJ services.

Proceeds raised by Food Fest West supported the Partnership for Education and the WRC Educational Fund, which provides grants to businesses for on-the-job training and continuing education needs. Sponsors of the event included United Bank, OMG, V&F Auto, Insurance Center of New England, West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt and Business West.

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce provides legislative advocacy, marketing and sponsorship opportunities, networking, educational and information programs for businesses in Agawam and West Springfield, and the surrounding communities. For more information contact the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or info@ westoftheriverchamber.com.



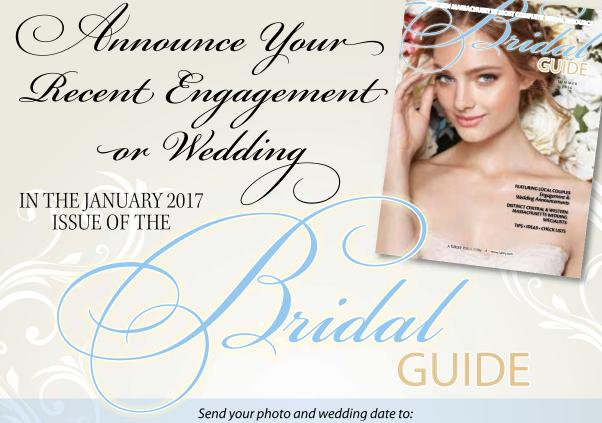
Lori Stickles and Jennifer Kollisch run the check-in desk.



State Rep. Nick Boldyga chats with West of the River Chamber of Commerce past Chairman Chuck Kelly. SUB-



Mark Tansey of Partners Restaurant, and former Agawam City Councilor Bob Magovern, at Food Fest West last month.



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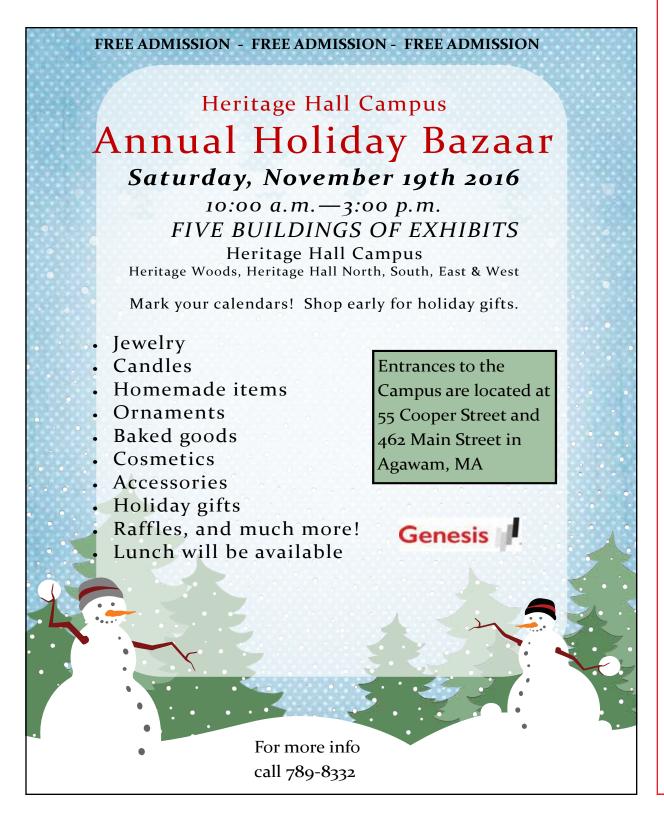
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